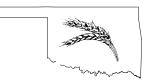


OKLAHOMA CROP PRODUCTION



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COTTON, SOYBEAN, & GRAIN SORGHUM PRODUCTION INCREASES SHARPLY

OKLAHOMA: The first production forecast of the year for the State's summer-growing crops shows an increase in cotton, soybeans, grain sorghum, and peanuts over last year's production according to the Oklahoma Agricultural Statistics Service. With the reduction of wheat acreage, many farmers are growing alternative crops. Average yield per acre is above 1999 for sorghum, soybeans, alfalfa hay, and all hay.

Wheat production is estimated at 146.2 million bushels, unchanged from last month but 3 percent below last year. An average yield of 34 bushels is expected from 4.3 million harvested acres.

Production of corn for grain is forecast at 39.15 million bushels, down 13 percent from 1999. An average yield of 135 bushels is expected from 290,000 harvested acres.

Cotton production is forecast at 240,000 bales, up 67 percent from last year. A yield of 461 pounds is expected from 250,000 harvested acres.

Production of grain sorghum is forecast at 21.3 million bushels, up 18 percent from 1999. An average yield of 52 bushels is expected from 410,000 harvested acres.

Peanut production is forecast at 192.0 million pounds, up 1 percent from last year. An average yield of 2,400 pounds is expected from 80,000 harvested acres.

Soybean production is forecast at 12.04 million bushels, up 76 percent from 1999. An average yield of 28 bushels is expected from 430,000 harvested acres.

Production of all hay is forecast at 4.82 million tons, down 4 percent from last year. Alfalfa production, at 1.25 million tons, is down slightly from 1999. Production of all other hay is forecast at 3.57 million tons, down 5 percent from last year.

Peach production is forecast at 15 million pounds, unchanged from a year earlier.

<u>UNITED STATES</u>: Production of all wheat is placed at 2.26 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month but 2 percent lower than 1999. Yield is forecast at 41.6 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from July 1.

Corn production is forecast at 10.4 billion bushels, up 10 percent from last year and up 6 percent from 1998. Yields are expected to average 141.9 bushels per acre, up 8.1 bushels from a year ago. If realized, this would be the largest production and highest yield on record.

All cotton production is forecast at 19.2 million bales, up 13 percent from 1999. Harvested acreage, at 14.2 million acres, is 6 percent above last year. Yield is expected to average 648 pounds per harvested acre, up 41 pounds from last year.

Production of grain sorghum is forecast at 578 million bushels, down 3 percent from 1999. Yields are forecast at 69.5 bushels per acre, down 0.2 bushel from 1999. Texas' forecast for 63 bushels per acre will tie last year's record yield for that state. Kansas, the largest sorghum producing state, is forecasting an average yield of 76.0 busheld per acre, the same as last year.

Peanut production is forecast at 3.79 billion pounds, down 1 percent from last year's crop. Yields are expected to average 2,587 pounds, 80 pounds below last year and down 115 pounds from 1998.

Soybean production is forecast at a record high 2.99 billion bushels, up 13 percent from last year. Yield, at 40.7 bushels per acre, is up 4.2 bushels from 1999. Acreage for harvest is estimated at a record 73.5 million acres, up 1 percent from 1999.

Production of all hay is forecast at a 153.3 million tons, down 4 percent from 1999. All hay yield is forecast at 2.46 tons per acre. Alfalfa production is forecast at 78.8 million tons, down 6 percent from 1999. Production of all other hay is forecast at 74.5 million tons, 1 percent below last year.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION, FINAL 1999 AND AUGUST 2000

CROP		Planted Acreage		Harvested Acreage		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	UNIT	1999	IND 2000	1999	IND 2000	1999	IND 2000	1999	IND 2000
		Thousands				T h o u s a n d s			
O K L A H O M A									
Winter Wheat	Bu.	6,400	6,100	4,300	4,300	35.0	34.0	150,500	146,200
Oats 1/	Bu.	75	60	30	25	43.0	_	1,290	_
All Corn	_	430	330	_	_	_	_	-	_
Corn, Grain	Bu.	_	_	310	290	145.0	135.0	44,950	39,150
All Sorghum	_	440	430	_	_	_	_	_	_
Grain Sorghum	Bu.	_	_	400	410	45.0	52.0	18,000	21,320
All Cotton	2/	240	280	150	250	461	461	144	240
All Hay	Ton	-	_	2,560	2,430	1.95	1.99	5,000	4,824
Alfalfa	Ton	_	_	360	330	3.50	3.80	1,260	1,254
All Other	Ton	_	_	2,200	2,100	1.70	1.70	3,740	3,570
Soybeans	Bu.	480	500	360	430	19.0	28.0	6,840	12,040
Peanuts	Lb.	83	85	79	80	2,400	2,400	189,600	192,000
Peaches	Lb.	_	_	_	_	_	_	15,000	15,000
		Thousands					Millions		
UNITED ST	ATES								
All Wheat	Bu.	62,814	62,946	53,909	54,445	42.7	41.6	2,302	2,263
Winter	Bu.	43,431	43,349	35,572	35,401	47.8	45.0	1,700	1,594
Durum	Bu.	4,035	4,050	3,569	3,986	27.8	28.9	99	115
Other Spring	Bu.	15,348	15,547	14,768	15,058	34.1	36.8	503	554
Oats	Bu.	4,670	4,472	2,453	2,452	59.6	62.3	146	153
Barley	Bu.	5,223	5,702	4,758	5,235	59.2	58.8	282	308
All Corn	-	77,431	79,579	-	-	-	_	-	_
Corn, Grain	Bu.	_	_	70,537	73,059	133.8	141.9	9,437	10,369
All Sorghum	-	9,288	9,005	-	-	-	-	-	_
Grain Sorghum	Bu.	_	-	8,544	8,315	69.7	69.5	595	578
All Cotton	2/	14,874	15,532	13,425	14,188	607	648	17	19
All Hay	Ton	-	_	63,160	62,191	2.52	2.46	159	153
Alfalfa	Ton	-	_	23,985	23,767	3.50	3.32	84	79
All Other	Ton	-	_	39,175	38,424	1.92	1.94	75	74
Soybeans	Bu.	73,780	74,501	72,476	73,474	36.5	40.7	2,643	2,989
Peanuts	Lb.	1,535	1,495	1,436	1,466	2,667	2,587	3,829	3,792
Peaches	Lb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,525	2,677

^{1/} Oat yield and production is available on September 29, 2000. 2/ Cotton yield in pounds and production in 480-lb bales.